

FIFTY THOUSAND ARE KILLED AND INJURED IN EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY

NO CHANGE IN
HOUSE VOTES
FOR SPEAKER

Body, Starting Tuesday,
to Stay in Session Un-
til Choice is Made.

FOUR BALLOTS TAKEN

Democrats Strike Republican
Caucus Nominee From
Elections Committee.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 14.—After taking three more ballots for speaker today the house unanimously adopted a resolution that beginning Tuesday it shall remain in session daily except Sunday until a speaker is elected.

Scenes of the wildest disorder in the senate and a continued deadlock over the speakership in the lower house marked the session of the Illinois legislature yesterday.

The embittered political factions in the senate, apparently primed for a contest in the last ditch over the appointment of a committee to canvass election returns, rioted to their hearts' content for almost an hour, to the accompaniment of tumultuous cheering and jeering from the galleries, which were ordered cleared by Lieutenant Governor O'Hara. The turmoil was not stifled until a motion to adjourn was reported carried.

Pandemonium Reigns.

At times nearly all of the senators were on their feet, shouting at the top of their voices and gesticulating wildly; the lieutenant governor was vainly using his gavel; the clerk was trying to call the roll and the sergeant-at-arms was having poor success in keeping the members in their seats. Spectators feared a physical clash between the republicans and the democrats, so tense was the feeling. During the excitement Lieutenant Governor O'Hara appointed an elections committee, selected by the democrats. To make a record of the votes in the two contested Cook county districts, which are not represented.

The senate storm began to rage the moment the lieutenant governor's gavel called the chamber to order and it increased in violence. Oil in the form of a resolution of condolence for Senator Herlihy, whose brother is dead, temporarily calmed the tempest, but a moment later it was in full blast. With the body in greatest disorder, the adjournment motion carried, it being understood that no further business will be attempted before next Tuesday night.

Strike Out Republican Selections.

Precursors to the convening of the afternoon session, the democratic senators held a caucus and struck from the personnel of the elections committee four of the republican caucus choices. Immediately upon convening Senator Dailey attempted to secure recognition from the presiding officer to prevent a protest. He was ignored and the lieutenant governor laid before the senate the last of members of the election committee. With Senator Dailey still seeking recognition, Senator Canaday, of the democratic side, moved that the senate confirm the list of committee appointments as announced. The republican side was in an uproar instantly. Previous question was moved by Senator Keller. Lieutenant Governor O'Hara ordered a roll call on the motion which prevailed, ayes, 35; nays, 22. By the same vote the appointments were then confirmed. They are:

Democrats—Senators Keller, chairman; Cleary, Denvir, Coleman, Herlihy, Pierce, Compton, Haase and Meeker.

Republicans—Smith, Curtis, Harding, Franklin, Bailey, Roos, Swanson and Cliffe.

Canton Ex-Mayor Drops Dead.

Canton, Ill., Jan. 14.—John M. Fox, 50, twice mayor, founder of the Illinois-Missouri Baseball league and prominent Mason and Elk, dropped dead on the street here on his way to his jewelry store. His physicians had advised him to sell off his business and retire on account of kidney and heart trouble.

Wed at Kewanee.

Kewanee, Ill., Jan. 14.—Miss Lillian Blush Handley and James M. Quinn, both members of pioneer families in western Illinois, were married here and left for their honeymoon to the Hawaiian Islands.

Farmer Slain By Night Riders.

Paducah, Ky., Jan. 14.—Night riders last night decapitated Pedro Mohundro, a farmer, from his home near Lovelaceville and shot him to death, according to information reaching the authorities here today.

Politicians Facing Pen



Top, E. E. Talbott (left) and Dennis Shea. Bottom, George Ehrenhardt.

Among the Terre Haute politicians who have been arraigned before Federal Judge A. B. Anderson at Indianapolis in the election fraud case and who plan to fight to the finish for their good name and to keep out of Leavenworth prison are George Ehrenhardt, E. E. Talbott and Dennis Shea. Ehrenhardt is a member of the Terre Haute board of public works; Talbott is city controller, and Shea is sheriff of Vigo county.

Ruin of Century
By Earthquakes

| Year. | Place. | Lives lost. |
|-------|----------------------------|-------------|
| 1812— | Caracas | Thousands |
| 1822— | Aleppo, Asiatic Turkey | 20,000 |
| 1851— | Meifi, Italy | 14,000 |
| 1857— | Kingdom of Naples | 10,000 |
| 1859— | Quito, Ecuador | 5,000 |
| 1861— | Mendoza, South America | 12,000 |
| 1863— | Manila | 1,000 |
| 1869— | Peru and Ecuador | 25,000 |
| 1872— | Inyo Valley, Cal. | 30 |
| 1875— | Towns in Colombia | 14,000 |
| 1875— | Cua, Venezuela | 300 |
| 1880— | Manila | 3,000 |
| 1881— | Scio and villages | 4,000 |
| 1883— | Island of Ischia | 2,000 |
| 1883— | Krakatoa, Java | Thousands |
| 1884— | Andalusia | 1,170 |
| 1885— | Granada, Spain | 690 |
| 1886— | Charleston, S. C. | 41 |
| 1887— | Southern Europe | 2,000 |
| 1887— | Japan | 4,000 |
| 1888— | Peru | 12,000 |
| 1894— | Japan | 10,000 |
| 1899— | Tiflis | 1,000 |
| 1902— | St. Pierre, Martinique | 40,000 |
| 1902— | Andaman, India | 2,500 |
| 1903— | Syria | 50 |
| 1903— | Tiogo, Colombia | 100 |
| 1904— | Abruzzo, Italy; Lima, Peru | Thousands |
| 1905— | North India | 35,000 |
| 1905— | Catania, Italy | 500 |
| 1905— | Scutaria, Albania | 200 |
| 1905— | Shamakh, Caucasus | 300 |
| 1905— | Tamazula, Mexico | 100 |
| 1906— | Region about Vesuvius | 3,000 |
| 1906— | San Francisco | 700 |
| 1906— | Valparaiso | 1,500 |
| 1907— | Kingston, Jamaica | 1,100 |
| 1908— | Sicily and Calabria | 76,483 |
| 1910— | Cartago, Costa Rica | 1,500 |
| 1912— | Turkey | 3,000 |
| 1914— | Japan | Thousands |
| 1914— | Sicily | 200 |
| 1915— | Italy | 50,000 |

JUDGE SENTENCES
NUMBER INDICTED

George Flagg and Earl Bliss, two young men arrested in connection with the robbery of the Valle store on Second avenue and later indicted by the grand jury, were given the minimum fine of \$25 and costs each for carrying concealed weapons, by Judge Nels A. Larson in county court this afternoon.

Judge Larson was lenient because it was their first offense, but stated the leniency did not mean that he condoned the carrying of guns. He offered a severe lecture to the two.

Others indicted by the grand jury and whose cases were certified to the county court by the circuit court were given hearings before Judge Larson today. In the main the charges were minor and the prisoners were given only light fines and sentences. Among others sentenced were: Ed McGrath, larceny; John Fox, larceny; Charles Smith, larceny; Charles Decker, assault with a deadly weapon; Owen V. Peet, impersonating an officer; Leopold Forman, larceny; Alfons Beekart, assault with deadly weapon; Ed Plant, larceny.

Cotton Exports Almost Normal.
Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.—Cotton exports became almost normal during December.

MERCIER STANDS
BY HIS PASTORAL

Cardinal to Belgium Refuses to
Withdraw Letter Addressed
to His People Recently.

The Hague, Netherlands, Jan. 14.—Cardinal Desiderius Mercier, the primate of Belgium, declined at present to discuss what he defined the "vexatious measures" of the German authorities in Belgium with reference to him and to the pastoral letter written by him on Christmas.

General von Bissing, governor general of the Belgian territory occupied by the Germans, in reply to a request made by the Associated Press that he forward to Cardinal Mercier a telegram asking him for the exact facts in connection with the incident, today said:

"Cardinal Mercier requests me to forward to you the following dispatch in response to your inquiry:

"I feel much the sympathy you have shown me and for which I thank you, but I prefer not to dwell for the moment on the vexatious measures to which you allude, and I prefer to continue to shut myself in my episcopal ministry. I wish to declare, however, that I have withdrawn nothing and will withdraw nothing from my pastoral letter.

"CARDINAL MERCIER.
"Archbishop of Malines."
General von Bissing added:

"As this reply of the cardinal might give rise to misunderstanding, I add thereto the following remarks:

"I certainly caused proofs of the pastoral letter in the printing office to be confiscated and I summoned the priests to give up copies of it in their possession.

"The cardinal never has been arrested nor has his personal liberty in any way been encroached upon. I have merely, by means of officers of my staff, requested him to give me explanations of the tendencies of the pastoral letter, and besides this, in order to prevent possible manifestations, I asked him to abandon a projected journey to Antwerp.

"If these measures perhaps appear to the cardinal subjectively vexatious, yet they were objectively absolutely necessary in order to clear up the situation."

Duel in Jail; Two Killed.

Westwood, Cal., Jan. 14.—After a desperate revolver battle in the county jail Deputy Sheriff Ray Bogart and Tom Collins, a merchant, are dead today. Collins, arrested on suspicion for violating the liquor laws, shot the deputy in the back. Bogart wheeled and shot Collins five times. Collins died first.

Judge Humphrey Goes East.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 14.—Federal Judge J. Otis Humphrey today was assigned by Chief Justice Edward D. White of the United States supreme court to occupy the bench of the southern district of New York from Feb. 15 until such time as the docket here may require his services.

House Passes Gardner Resolution.
Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.—Representative Gardner's resolution calling upon the secretary of war for information on coast defenses passed the house.

RUSS FORCED
BACK IN NEW
POLAND DASH

Germans Make Attacks in
Center and Gain Consider-
able Ground.

FIGHT GROWS FURIOUS

Czar's Troops in North Pushing
Towards East Prussia—Cap-
ture Number of Villages.

Petrograd, Jan. 14.—Furious fighting has been resumed in Russian Poland. Russians in the north are pushing towards east Prussia in the region of Mlava and have captured a number of villages. In the center the Germans made violent attacks in the last 48 hours. They forced back the Russians and occupied considerable ground.

London, Jan. 14.—Within a two-hour motor ride of Paris, Emperor William is directing a violent attack on the French line. Germans under the eyes of their ruler won an important victory in the fighting yesterday near Soissons, charging through heavy mud, taking trench after trench, clearing heights and capturing 14 French officers and 4,300 men, according to Berlin. Both Paris and Berlin official statements record a victory for the Germans on the heights of Vreigny, northeast of Soissons.

Russia has once more taken an offensive movement against two of the three nations she is fighting. In Caschau the Russians have again engaged in heavy fighting with the Turks, who, according to Petrograd, sustained large losses in recent fighting. In Galicia and Bukovina severe weather has checked military operations.

In the west, fighting in the region of Soissons has developed unexpectedly large proportions. Both the Germans and allies have thrown in heavy reinforcements. Elsewhere along the line Germany is believed sending in more troops in response to the movement of England, which is pouring in fresh soldiers weekly by thousands. Ordinary passenger traffic on railroads in Germany has been suspended several days because of extensive movements of troops under way.

Although Russian forces in northern Persia apparently have offered no resistance to the Turkish advance on Tabriz, small forces of Persians defended the country, but without success.

Of a guard of 400 Persian horsemen at Mianlab, "gateway to Persia," all but four were killed. Turkish invasion of Persia continues, the Turks penetrating further into the country.

The resignation of Count von Berchtold, Austrian foreign minister, indicates a crisis in the affairs of the dual monarchy is at hand, according to London observers. Emperor Joseph has sent an autograph letter to Berchtold accepting his resignation and expressing "warmest thanks for distinguished services you have rendered the monarchy in times of peace as well as of war," and conferring brilliant of the grand cross of the order of Stephen on the retiring minister.

An Amsterdam dispatch says British aviators last Monday dropped bombs on the German position in Antwerp. What damage was done has not been learned.

SAYS WAR GREAT
BLUNDER OF TIME

Charles Nagel Fears It May Be
the Precursor of Clash of
East and West.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 14.—In an address to the Chicago Press club today, Charles Nagel, former secretary of commerce and labor, now one of the arbitrators in the western railroad wage controversy, characterized the European war the greatest blunder of civilization and possibly the precursor of a still greater war, when the east might be marshalled against the west. Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 14.—Federation of the world, practical disarmament of great powers and a long step forward for the brotherhood of man, are among the probable results of present European war, Governor Clarke said in his inaugural address today.

Wheat Goes to \$1.42 3/4.
Chicago, Ill., Jan. 14.—A new high record in war level prices was reached today when May wheat sold for \$1.42 3/4.

To Battle Antarctic Ice



Sir Ernest Shackleton; tent he is to use in the Antarctic; map showing route he will take and section of the earth he will explore.

London, Jan. 14.—Sir Ernest Shackleton's dispatch from the island of South Georgia, received in London a few days ago, is likely to be the last that is heard of the Antarctic explorer for over a year. Sir Ernest stated in his wire that his ship, the Endurance, left South Georgia on Jan. 10; that the expedition had been delayed by the ice and that he feared he would not be able to cross the continent until next season.

In his farewell message, cabled late in October from Buenos Ayres, and when the Endurance sailed from that port for the Antarctic region, Sir Ernest made known that on arrival at South Georgia, the geologists of the staff would be landed to do scientific work, while the ship proceeded south to examine the pack ice and see if it was loose enough to go into without unnecessary delay. After examining the pack the Endurance was to return to South Georgia, pick up the members of the expedition and the dogs, then coast to

HOUSE ATTACK ON
WILSON'S SPEECH

Republicans Used Indianapolis
Remarks as an Excuse for
Criticising President.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.—The president's Indianapolis speech was attacked in the house today by republicans. Humphrey, of Washington, contended the democratic tariff law had thrown 4,000,000 out of work and declared that the business depression was no "state of mind."

Reforms in court procedure proposed in a house bill to restrict the number of cases in the supreme court were accepted by the senate and bill passed. No corporation organized under a federal charter may hereafter appeal to the supreme court on that ground alone.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline,
and vicinity.

Generally fair tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature, with the lowest tonight about 25 degrees. Temperature at 7 a. m., 26. Highest yesterday, 40. Lowest last night, 26. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 4 miles per hour. Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 84; at 7 a. m., 96. Stage of water, 5.4; no change in last 24 hours. J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.
Evening stars: Jupiter, Saturn. Morning stars: Mars, Venus. Great nebula of constellation Andromeda in meridian due south, high up, at 9 p. m., noted for the rapidity of its approach to earth.

MORE TERROR
FOR ROME IN
FRESH QUAKE

Residents of City Flee
From Their Homes in
Early Morning Hours.

VILLAGES DESTROYED

Fifteen Thousand Souls Lost in
Avezzano Alone—King
Takes Hand in Relief.

London, Jan. 14.—A Rome dispatch says a further distinct earthquake shock was felt in Rome at 3 o'clock this morning. In several quarters of the city people fled from their houses.

Rome, Jan. 14.—With every hour as additional and more accurate details are received the horror of yesterday's earthquake increases. The list of dead, dying and injured is more than 50,000, according to an official announcement, and is expected to grow.

The full extent of property loss is not determined. In Rome priceless statues and century-old buildings and structures that have been the mecca of visitors have been destroyed or injured.

Though the loss of life and possibly damage may be less than in the Messina earthquake of 1908, the area of disturbance is far greater. It covers the whole central portion of Italy from Naples on the south to Ferrara on the north.

The most serious disturbance was in the vicinity of Avezzano, where 15,000 were killed and injured. The earthquake belt was 300 miles long, extending from one side of Italy to the other.

Relief measures are proceeding with all possible speed. Special trains dispatched physicians and nurses. Queen Helena, still in bed since the birth of her daughter, expressed regret she could not go to the scene of devastation, as she did at Messina. Soldiers have been rushed to the scene.

The earthquake zone, as far as can be gathered here extends a distance of nearly three hundred miles from below Naples in the south to Ferrara in the north, and practically across the entire width of country in the district indicated.

The country east and southeast of Rome suffered most, apparently, for reports of loss of life and damage to property come from all over this district. Avezzano, a town 63 miles east of Rome, seems to have been the center of the disturbance and this place with a number of nearby towns and villages, is reported destroyed. There was great loss of life in Avezzano and vicinity, the number of dead there being placed at more than one thousand.

Several Towns Destroyed.

Among towns reported entirely destroyed are Bussi, Capelle, Scurolo, Magliano, Cappadocia, Celano and Pescora. Sora and Arpino are said to have been partially wrecked. Naples felt the shock severely, but there was only slight damage there. No one was killed in Rome, but there was considerable material damage. Several of Rome's historical structures were damaged, but it is hoped not irredeemably.

About one hundred persons were killed in towns near Rome. Relief work is under way and it is stated King Emmanuel himself will visit the most severely stricken districts. Premier Salandra has personally taken charge of the relief work.

Director Friedlander of the International Volcanological Institute at Naples says the origin of the earthquake is geological and not volcanic, with its epicentrum in the valley of

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